



ST JOHN THE
EVANGELIST
UPPER NORWOOD



Parish Mass
Sunday Next before Lent
14th February 2021 10am

Fr Andrew presides at Mass this morning

The Gathering

*We **STAND** as the Organ plays and the ministers enter*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The president introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites us to confess our sins

When Christ appears we shall be like him,
because we shall see him as he is.
As he is pure,
all who have grasped this hope make themselves pure.
So let us confess our sins that mar his image in us.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God,
our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past

**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.**

Amen.

The president says the absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings

Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,

that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

We SIT for the readings.

Read by Jade Younger

A reading from the second book of Kings.

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and

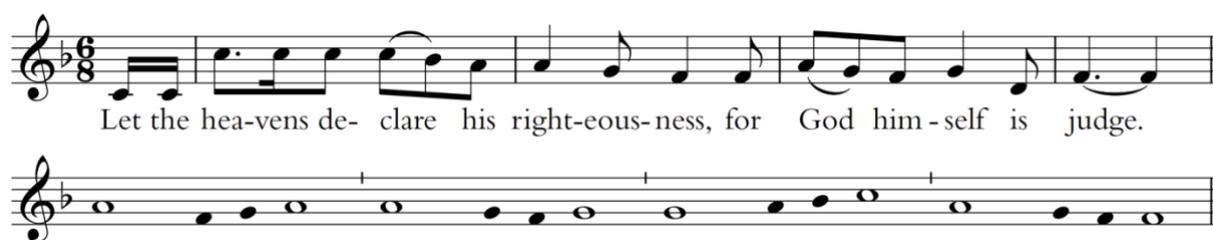
horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2 Kings 2.1-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please **REMAIN SEATED** for the psalm 50 vv1-6



Let the heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

1 The Lord, the most mighty|God, has spoken
and called the world from the rising of the sun|to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in beauty, |God shines forth;
our God comes and will|not keep silence.

2 Consuming fire goes|out before him
and a mighty tempest|stirs about him.
He calls the hea-|ven above,
and the earth, that he may|judge his people:

3 'Gather to|me my faithful,
who have sealed my cove-|nant with sacrifice.'
Let the heavens de-|clare his righteousness,
for God him-|self is judge.

Read by Matt Pryor

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the

unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

*We **STAND** to welcome the Gospel.*

We turn to face the Book of the Gospels, as Christ speaks to his people.



Al-le-lu-ia, ★ al - le-lu-ia, — al-le - lu - ia.

Alleluia, **Alleluia** Blessed are the poor in ***spi*** rit,
for theirs is the ***king*** - dom of heaven. **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

The Coming of Elijah

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Mark 9. 2-9

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Fr Tom Hurcombe

We SIT. The sermon may be followed by a short period of reflection.

We STAND.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The president introduces the prayers

Led by Berni Williams

One of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

At the end

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

*We **STAND**. The president introduces the Peace*

Christ will transfigure our human body
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.
We are the body of Christ.
We share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

The deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Taking of the Bread and Wine



**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
 thy glory fills the night;
 thy face and garments, like the sun,
 shine with unborrowed light.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
 thy beauty to behold,
 where Moses and Elijah stand,
 the messengers of old.**

**Fulfiller of the past,
 promise of things to be,
 we hail thy Body glorified,
 and our redemption see.**

**Before we taste of death,
 we see thy kingdom come;
 we fain would hold the vision bright,
 and make this hill our home.**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
 yet we may not remain;
 but since thou bidst us leave the mount
 come with us to the plain.**

'Carlisle'
Charles Lockhart (1745–1815)

J. Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to
 God the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
 for the praise and glory of his name,**

for our good and the good of all his church.

Holy God, receive all we bring before you this day,
and bring us also to that radiant glory which we see in the
transfigured
face of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of praise:

We say the Sanctus and Benedictus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*You are encouraged to **REMAIN STANDING**, or you may kneel or sit.*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Our Lady Mary, John the Evangelist, and all the

saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**
Lamb of God, **you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on**

us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The consecrated bread and wine are shown to the congregation

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Communion is distributed following these words

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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**Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood:
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.**

**Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,**

**That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.**

**At his feet the six-winged seraph;
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Lord most high!**

Liturgy of St James
Tr Gerard Moultrie 1829-85

Picardy
French carol
probably 17th century, found in
Tiersot's *Mémoires* Paris 1887

Prayer after Communion

*We **STAND**. The president invites us to pray and then sings*

Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Almighty God,
**we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ Jesus, the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,
draw you to himself that you may live in his light and share his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary,
And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee,
Blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
**Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;
Be it unto me according to thy word.

Hail, Mary . . .

And the Word was made flesh,
And dwelt among us.

Hail, Mary . . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ
by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion
we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection;
through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER DIARY

Christopher our Bishop; Justin our Archbishop;
Jonathan, Bishop of Croydon

Those we have been asked to pray for

Di Tudway, David Fuest, Helen Nutting, Dave Hines, Fintan Crotty,
Graham Spalding, Sabir, Donovan Donaldson, Liz Woodhouse, Pat
Parker, James Delaney, Nathan Tulip, Christopher Love, David Maitland,
Simon Gabe, Michael Hale, Vinnette & Mike Melbourne, Michael Cooper,
Adam Phillips, Peter Bibby, Julie Loh, Ann Newman, Naomi Ioannou,
Alan Driedger, June McCallum, Carmen Alveraz, Paul Allen, and Poh
Wong

Those known to us recently departed

Nancy Dance, Samuel Barrett, Alec Cuterson, Ivy Sheen, Tyrell Shy.

Past priests, benefactors, friends, and all whose year's mind occurs this week

George Foat, Mary Pontin, Milford Hallet, Gwendolen Cathcart Parker,

Thomas Tarring *Churchwarden, 1920-43*,
Clifford Thomas, *Hon. Treasurer*, Louise Wood, Frederick Wood,
Hyacinth Wade, Annette Smith, Bert Stevens, Helen Stewart Waller,
Charlotte Foat, Lily Foat, *Hon. Treasurer*, Frederick Romany,
Dora Kingdon, Bertha Evans, Edith Newling, Carol Dray

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Notices

Praying the Rosary, 21 February: We will pray the Rosary (on Zoom) at 11.30am on Sunday 21 February - the zoom link will be sent out beforehand.

Bereavement Group: the Bereavement Group will be held online on 6, 13, 20, 27 March and 3 April at 2-3.30pm. If you would like to participate, please email sjunoffice@gmail.com

SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday 15th February

6pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

Tuesday 16th SHROVE TUESDAY

3.30pm Christian Meditation *on Zoom*

ASH WEDNESDAY 17th

10am Low Mass
1pm Low Mass
5.30pm Low Mass

8pm HIGH MASS streamed only

Saturday 20th

10am Mass (also on Zoom)

Next Sunday, 21st February 1st Sunday of Lent

9.15am Morning Prayer 10am High Mass 5pm Evening Prayer

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Loving God
Walking with Jesus
Led by the Spirit
Luke 24:13-35



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